

REMARKS

Claims 13-38 were previously pending in this application. Claims 13-24, 29, 32, and 35-37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a), the only cited and applied reference being Errico U.S. patent 6,482,207.

Claims 25-28, 30, 31, 33, 34, and 38 have been found to contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claims 13, 14, 17, 23, and 25 have been rewritten as new claim 39; claims 13, 14, 17, 19, 24, and 26 have been rewritten as new claim 40; claims 13, 14, 17, 23, and 27 have been rewritten as new claim 41; claims 13, 14, 17, 19, 24, and 28 have been rewritten as new claim 42; and claims 13 and 38 have been rewritten as new claim 43.

Appropriate amendments to account for dependency changes have been made to claims 16, 19, 21, 30, 31, and 33-37. Claims 1-15, 17, 18, 20, 22-29, 32, and 38 are cancelled.

In accordance with the Examiner's determination of claim allowability, it is believed that all claims now in this application are allowable and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

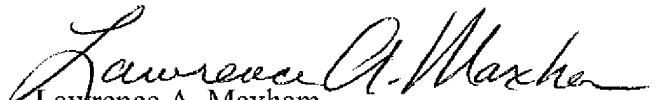
With respect to the objection to the drawing, Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's position that reference numerals "1" and "2" have been used to designate the anchoring portion. Page 6 of the specification clearly states that the anchoring portion is "1" and application portion is "2" (line 4). However, there is a typographical error in line 12 and a replacement paragraph making the necessary correction is included herewith.

It is believed that all issues raised in the Official Action have been fully responded to. Should any issues remain unresolved, Examiner Woodall is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that arise in connection with this filing which are not covered by the money enclosed, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-0460.

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